

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Claims 1-73 are pending in the present application.

Claims 38,42,45,46,48,49,61,62 and 66-73 are rejected by the Examiner under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being fully anticipated by Lemaire et. Al (US 6,147,341).

Claims 1-5, 8-12, 19,22-33,38-42,45-49,56 and 59-69 are rejected by the Examiner under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being fully anticipated by Sullivan (US 6,621 '957).

Claims 38,39,42,45-50, 54 and 55 are rejected under 35 U.S.C 102(e) as being fully anticipated by Myers et al. (US-2003/0210863).

Claims 1-12,19,22-49, 56 and 59-73 are rejected by the Examiner under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sullivan et al. (US 6,621 '957), in view of Glenn et al. (US 4,807'950), Glenn et al. (US 5,388,173) or Laming et al. (US 6,169,829).

Claims 1-12, 19-49 and 56-73 are rejected by the Examiner under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sullivan et al. (US 6,621 '957) , combined with either Glenn et al. (US 4,807'950) , Glenn et al. (US 5,388,173) or Laming et al. (US 6,169,829), further in view of Fells et al. (US 6,363,187) .

Claims 38,39,42 and 45-55 are rejected under 35 U.S.C 103(a) as being fully unpatentable over Myers et al., (US-2003/0210863).

Claims 1-18 and 38-55 are rejected under 35 U.S.C 103(a) as being unpatentable over Myers et al. (US-2003/0210863) in view of Sullivan (US 6,621 '957) combined with Glenn et al. (US 4,807'950), Glenn et al. (US 5,388,173) or Laming et al. (US 6,169,829).

Claims 1-5, 8-12, 19, 22-33, 38-42, 45-49, 56 are rejected under 35 U.S.C 103(a) as being fully unpatentable over Sullivan et al., (US 6,621 '957), in view of Paek et al. (US 6,568,220).

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Claims 1-18 and 38-55 are rejected under 35 U.S.C 103(a) as being unpatentable over Myers et al. (US 2003/0210863) in view of Sullivan et al. (US 6,621'957) combined with Glenn et al. (US 4,807'950), Glenn et al. (US 5,388,173) or Laming et al. (US 6,169,829) further in view of Paek et al. (US 6,568,220).

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the rejected claims.